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SUMMARY. WITH CONSERVATIVES ABSTAINING, HEALEY'S MOST RECENT ECONOMIC PACKAGE PASSED HOUSE OF COMMONS DECEMBER 21 BY 219 TO 51. TWENTY-FIVE LABOR MPS VOTED AGAINST GOVERNMENT AND 25 LABOR MPS, INCLUDING 5 PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARIES, ABSTAINED. END SUMMARY.

1. IN HOUSE OF COMMONS VOTE DECEMBER 21 LABOR GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC PACKAGE WAS ENDORSED BY A VOTE OF 219 TO 51. CONSERVATIVE PARTY DECIDED TO ABSTAIN ON VOTE BECAUSE THEY WANTED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF DIVISION ON LABOR BENCHES AND BECAUSE THEY CLAIM CHANCELLOR HEALEY IS NOW BELATEDLY ADOPTING POLICIES CONSERVATIVES HAVE CONSISTENTLY OFFERED IN PAST.

2. DEFECTION FROM LABOR BACK BENCHES AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 50, WITH 25 LEFT-WINGERS VOTING AGAINST GOVERNMENT AND 25 (INCLUDING 5 PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARIES) ABSTAINING.

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3. THANKS TO CONSERVATIVE DECISION, GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ENDANGERED, BUT DEFECTION OF LABOR LEFT AND OTHER LABOR ABSTENTIONS ARE EMBARRASSING. NEWLY-RESIGNED MINISTER REG PRENTICE SPOKE DURING DEBATE AND WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT.

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